

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 349. An act to reauthorize appropriations for the Navajo-Hopi Relocation Housing Program; and

S. 441. An act to reauthorize appropriations for certain programs under the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 4 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 962. An act to amend the Immigration Act of 1990 relating to the membership of the United States Commission on Immigration Reform.

H.R. 1561. An act to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes.

## MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 962. An act to amend the Immigration Act of 1990 relating to the membership of the United States Commission on Immigration Reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1561. An act to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on June 14, 1995, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bills:

S. 349. An act to reauthorize appropriations for the Navajo-Hopi Relocation Housing Program.

S. 441. An act to reauthorize appropriations for certain programs under the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, and for other purposes.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-984. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on programs for the utilization and do-

nation of Federal personal property; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-985. A communication from the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an estimate of the expenditures and appropriations necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Court of Veterans Appeals Retirement Fund; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-986. A communication from the Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the opinion and further recommended decision of the Commission relative to postal rate and fee changes, 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 922. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-97).

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

James John Hoecker, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2000.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. PRESSLER:

S. 920. A bill to assist the preservation of rail infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. JOHNSTON):

S. 921. A bill to establish a Minerals Management Service within the Department of the Interior; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 922. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 923. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for a national program concerning motor vehicle pursuits by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. COATS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. THURMOND):

S. Res. 133. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the primary safeguard for the well-being and protection of children is the family, and that, because the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child could undermine the rights of the family, the President should not sign and transmit it to the Senate; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PRESSLER:

S. 920. A bill to assist the preservation of rail infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

THE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE PRESERVATION ACT OF 1995

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Rail Infrastructure Preservation Act of 1995. This legislation is designed to target rail freight investment needs in neglected regions of the country. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

The primary purpose of this bill is to provide a blueprint for rebuilding and improving the rail lines serving our smaller cities and rural areas. These lines, run mainly by short-line and regional railroads, are critical to the survival of rural America's economy. Yet, the capital needed to maintain these secondary rail lines is very limited.

My colleagues may recall I introduced a similar bill during the last Congress. I continue to believe Federal involvement is necessary to preparing our Nation's rail transportation network for the next century. A national commitment to the future of rail freight service is critical to the advancement of our overall transportation system.

Mr. President, we are facing very serious Federal budget constraints. I support comprehensive deficit reduction proposals and have backed that support with my voting record. I will continue to do so. In our efforts to tackle the deficit, it is important to allocate our limited tax dollars wisely.

In my view, adequate investment in our Nation's transportation infrastructure provides for wise use of these dollars. However, as we consider national transportation infrastructure investment, we must not overlook one very critical transportation mode—rail freight service.

During the 1970's and 1980's, the large railroads abandoned thousands of miles